# Hospital EARC: ADL Coding Reminders

## **INDEPENDENT**

#### **Definition:**

No help, set-up or oversight



NO LOOK, NO TALK, NO TOUCH

No supervision, cueing or physical assistance with ADL



Individual does all parts of activity alone

#### **Examples:**

- 1. LOCOMOTION: Mr. A. used his walker by himself with no hands on assistance from staff.
- 2. **EATING:** Mr. B. eats alone with no supervision.
- 3. TOILETING: Mrs. C. requires no prompting or oversight for toileting; managing all subtasks without assistance.
- 4. **DRESSING:** Mr. D. is <u>able to gather items of clothing and get dressed</u> for breakfast.

## **SET-UP HELP ONLY**

#### **Definition:**

Article or device provided within reach of individual, no physical assistance or supervision provided.

## NO LOOK, NO TALK, NO TOUCH



No supervision, cueing or physical assistance with ADL



- Staff set out items for use;
- Article or device provided in reach
- Individual independent is completing task

- 1. **BATHING:** Once a basin and other items are provided at the bedside within reach, Mrs. S. can bathe independently.
- 2. **LOCOMOTION:** Mrs. A. is able to ambulate around the unit independently after she is <u>provided her walker</u>.
- 3. **EATING:** Mr. W. can eat independently only after staff opens containers and cuts his food.
- 4. **TOILETING:** Mr. T. is independent with using the urinal once it is <u>placed on the bedside table within reach.</u>

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# **SUPERVISION**

## **Definition:**

Oversight, encouragement or cueing

# LOOK, TALK, NO TOUCH



#### Must include:

- Supervision/monitoring for safety
- Verbal cues

#### Does not include:

No touch/physical assistance in any part of ADL.



Oversight



Verval Cues



hand gestures/no hands on assistance

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- 1. **DRESSING:** Mrs. E. requires <u>verbal step by step instructions</u> to get dressed.
- 2. **EATING:** Mr. B. <u>requires cueing by staff</u> during his meal due to being easily distracted.
- 3. **TRANSFER:** Mrs. T. can transfer without hands on assistance but requires oversight for safety.
- 4. **LOCOMOTION:** Mrs. J. has cognitive issues requiring staff oversight and cueing to keep her from entering the rooms of others.

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## LIMITED ASSISTANCE

#### **Definition:**

Individual is highly involved in activity; received physical help in guided maneuvering of limbs or other non-weight bearing assistance.

Guided maneuvering = physically directing patient in completing task without weight bearing assistance.

# LOOK, TALK, TOUCH, NO LIFTING



#### Must include:

- Non-weight bearing hands on assistance
- Hands on assistance, guidance
  NOTE: Guiding movements with minimal physical contact and contact guarding with intermittent physical assistance are not considered weight bearing.

## May also include:

- Monitoring for safety
- Verbal Cues



Contact guard, stand-by assistance



Guided maneuvering of limbs

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- 1. DRESSING: Staff gently guides Mrs. M.'s arm into her sleeve without taking on the weight of her arm.
- 2. **LOCOMOTION:** Staff provides <u>contact guard</u> while Mr. H. walks as he is unsteady on his feet.
- 3. **DRESSING:** The aide provides <u>non-weight bearing assistance</u> by buttoning Mr. P.'s shirt and tying his shoes.
- 4. **EATING:** Mr. M. can take a few bites of food by himself only after staff guides his hand with his fork from the plate to his mouth.

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## **EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE**

#### **Definition:**

Weight-bearing support (including lifting limbs) by 1 helper where person still performs 50% or more of subtasks.



LOOK, TALK, TOUCH, LIFT/SHIFT

#### Must include:

- Weight bearing assistance by 1 helper; and
- Person involved in 50% or more of sub-tasks

## May also include:

- Monitoring for safety
- Verbal cues



 Weight-bearing support, including lifting of limbs, person does 50% or more of sub-tasks

#### **EXAMPLES:**

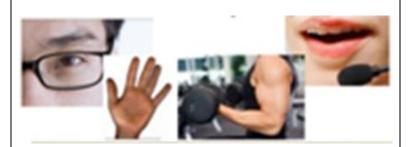
- 1. **TRANSFER:** The aide must physically lift Mr. P. while he pushes off the arms of the chair to get to a standing position.
- 2. **DRESSING:** Mrs. E. can dress her upper body without assistance but <u>requires the aid to lift her legs</u> to put on her pants, socks and shoes. She can buckle her belt and button her pants.
- 3. **BED MOBILITY:** Mrs. M. is able to <u>reposition her leg and hold onto the bed rails</u> while <u>the aide utilizes a turn sheet</u> to reposition her due to being at risk of bed sores.
- 4. **LOCOMOTION:** Due to leg weakness the nurse had to <u>physically hold Mr. D. and take on his weight</u> to prevent him from falling while walking.

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## **MAXIMAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Definition:**

Weight-bearing support (including lifting limbs) by 2+ helpers – <u>OR</u> – Weightbearing support for more than 50% of subtasks



LOOK, TALK, TOUCH, LIFT/SHIFT

#### Must include:

- Weight bearing assistance by 2 or more helpers; **OR**
- Person involved in less than 50% or more of sub-tasks with weight bearing support

## May also include:

- Monitoring for safety
- Verbal cues





- Weight-bearing support of 2 helpers;
  or
- Weight-bearing support where Patient does less than 50% of sub-tasks

- 1. **TRANSFER:** Mr. N. requires <u>weight bearing assistance of 2 staff members</u> to transfer from bed to wheelchair.
- 2. **TOILETING:** Mr. M. requires one staff member to <u>provide weight bearing assist</u> to transfer her on/off the toilet and managing her clothes. She can only wipe herself after being provided the toilet paper.
- 3. **BED MOBILITY:** Mr. S cannot turn or reposition himself in bed assistance. The aide must pull him up and reposition his legs and upper body. He can only reposition his pillow for comfort.

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# **TOTAL DEPENDENCE**

## **Definition:**

# Full performance of the activity by another

# ALL ACTION BY OTHERS

- Person not participating in ADL activity to any degree.
- Do not code as "Activity did not occur" when ADL is being completed in full by others.





Activity completed by another.

- 1. **BED MOBILITY:** Mr. K. <u>cannot turn himself</u> in bed; <u>requiring three staff members to turn and reposition him.</u>
- 2. **TRANSFER:** Mrs. Q. cannot transfer out of bed. Staff must use a Hoyer lift to safely transfer him to the chair.
- 3. **EATING:** Mr. Z. <u>cannot feed himself</u>; staff <u>must feed him</u> for every meal.
- 4. **BATHING:** Mrs. A. receives a total bed bath. She is unable to participate.

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# **ACTIVITY DID NOT OCCUR**

## **Definition:**

The activity was not performed by the individual or others (regardless of ability)

#### NOT PERFORMED

ADL not performed in 3 days; bathing not performed in 7 days



The ADL activity was not performed by the individual or others (regardless of ability) during entire period

- 1. TRANSFER: Mr. S. has been on strict bed rest and has not transferred from the bed in the last 3 days.
- 2. **LOCOMOTION:** For the last 3 days, Mr. W. has been refusing to get of bed; he has not walked or used a wheelchair in 3 days.
- 3. **BATHING:** Mrs. R. has been refusing to bathe in the shower or at her bedside for the last week.